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SUBJECT: FY-76 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

1. POST IVP SELECTION COMMITTEE PLANNING ASSIST SIX MEMBERS OF SPANISH CORTES (PARLIAMENT) IN JUNE TRAVEL TO U.S. THESE SIX ARE ACTIVE, DEMOCRACY-ORIENTED CORTES MEMBERS WHO WON SEATS IN DISTRICT ELECTIONS AS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FAMILY SECTORS. SEVERAL HAVE BEEN LEADERS IN FORMATION OF FIRST PARTY-TYPE CAUCUSES (GRUPO PARLAMENTARIO) IN THE CORTES.

2. TRAVEL GROUP WILL INCLUDE: RUBEN HENRIQUEZ FERNANDEZ, ARCHITECT, AND JOSEP MELIA, JOURNALIST, REPRESENTING SOCIAL DEMOCRATS; ALVARO LAPUERTA QUINTERO, LAWYER, AND JUAN MARRERO PORTUGUES, BUSINESSMAN, REPRESENTING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS; RAMIRO CERCOS PEREZ, ENGINEER, AND JESUS ESPERABE DE ARTEAGA, LAWYER, REPRESENTING OTHER LIBERAL WINGS OF GRUPO PARLAMENTARIO.

3. IN PROJECTEHPSEVEN-DAY VISIT, PARLIAMENTARIANS WISH TO MEET WITH COUNTERPARTS IN U.S. CONGRESS, PARTICIPATE IN BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT AND OTHER USG OFFICERS, AND OTHERWISE RECEIVE DEPARTMENT FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. POST WILL PAY SEVEN DAYS WASHINGTON, D.C. PER DIEM FOR EACH OF SIX PARTICIPANTS ALTHOUGH INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER COSTS WILL BE AT INDIVIDUALS' OWN EXPENSE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF SPECIAL FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AND ESCORT-INTERPRETER CAN BE PROVIDED FOR GROUP'S VISIT IN JUNE. POST REALIZES DIFFICULTIES IN SCHEDULING DURING THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR BUT WE BELIEVE THAT GROUP'S CALIBRE AND IMPORTANCE MERIT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.

5. SECURITY CLEARANCES BEING PROCESSED.
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